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R<sup>16</sup> is alkyl or aryl-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>; wherein the term heteroaryl alone or as part of another group refers to an aromatic ring which may optionally contain at most one sulfur atom or at most one oxygen atom and/or one to four nitrogen atoms, provided that the total number of heteroatoms in the ring is 4 or less, which aromatic ring may be optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents, and which aromatic ring may be fused to a benzene ring or a pyridyl ring to form a bicyclic ring which may be optionally substituted.--

Claim 12, line 1, please change "pharmaceutical" to  
--pharmaceutical--.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-8, and 12-15 remain in the application.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful telephone interview granted to the undersigned attorney of record. During the interview various points raised in the Final Official Action mailed December 15, 1998, and the Official Action mailed August 7, 1998, were discussed.

Applicant agreed to amend the first A structure by replacing ( )<sub>1,2</sub> with CH<sub>2</sub> as indicated in the above amendments. Thus, only 7 membered rings are included in the claims. The eight membered ring will be reserved for a divisional application.

With regard to the term "heteroaryl", Applicant agreed to define "heteroaryl" as an aromatic ring which may optionally contain at most one sulfur atom, or at most one oxygen atom, and/or 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, provided that the total number of

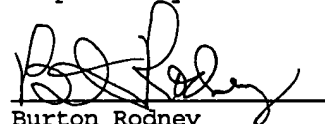
heteroatoms in the ring is 4 or less. Applicant also included by various optional substituents as set out on page 11 of the specification.

Applicant's attorney and the Examiner were not able to agree as to the objection to the term "cycloheteroalkyl" and the R definition on page 60, lines 10-12, that is, "R can be joined together with the carbon to which it is attached to form a 3 to 7 membered ring which may optionally be fused to a benzene ring."

The above 2 points remain unresolved and will be the subject of an appeal.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered in that they reduce the issues on appeal.

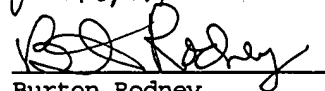
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